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FOREIGN.

[Reports received from United States consuls through the Department of State and from other sources.]

*Cholera, yellow fever, and plague as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, December 29, 1896, to March 16, 1897.**

CHOLERA.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
India:				
Bombay.....	Dec. 8-Dec. 15.....	.....	1	
	Dec. 22-Dec. 29.....	.....	1	
Calcutta.....	Nov. 14-Jan. 30.....	.....	267	
Madras.....	Nov. 21-Nov. 27.....	.....	2	
	Nov. 28-Dec. 4.....	.....	1	
	Dec. 12-Dec. 25.....	.....	6	
	Dec. 26-Jan. 29.....	.....	22	
	Jan. 30-Feb. 5.....	.....	3	
Singapore.....	Nov. 1-Nov. 30.....	.....	12	
	Dec. 1-Dec. 31.....	.....	5	
Ceylon:				
Colombo.....	Nov. 28-Jan. 9.....	.....	106	
England:				
Plymouth.....	Jan. 9.....	.....	4	On steamship <i>Nubia</i> . No cases in city.
Japan:				
Tokyo.....	Dec. 4-Dec. 29.....	8	2	
	Dec. 30-Jan. 18.....	3	3	
Yokohama.....	Dec. 4-Dec. 29.....	4	1	
	Dec. 30-Jan. 18.....	2	2	

YELLOW FEVER.

Brazil:				
Para.....	Dec. 12-Jan. 2.....	.....	9	
	Jan. 31-Feb. 27.....	.....	20	
Rio de Janeiro.....	Nov. 21-Dec. 26.....	.....	10	
	Dec. 26-Jan. 9.....	.....	7	
	Jan. 9-Jan. 30.....	.....	21	
Cuba:				
Cardenas.....	Dec. 25-Jan. 23.....	64	6	
	Jan. 23-Jan. 30.....	20	.....
	Jan. 31-Feb. 27.....	23	1	
Cienfuegos.....	Dec. 20-Dec. 27.....	.....	8	
	Dec. 28-Jan. 17.....	.....	2	
Habana.....	Dec. 24-Dec. 31.....	90	33	
	Jan. 1-Jan. 14.....	270	96	
	Jan. 14-Jan. 28.....	130	48	
	Feb. 4-Feb. 25.....	47	20	
	Feb. 25-Mar. 6.....	40	11	
Matanzas.....	Dec. 9-Dec. 23.....	.....	8	
	Dec. 23-Jan. 27.....	.....	19	
	Jan. 27-Feb. 24.....	.....	4	
Santiago.....	Dec. 5-Dec. 12.....	.....	6	
	Dec. 19-Jan. 16.....	.....	16	
	Jan. 16-Jan. 30.....	.....	5	
	Jan. 30-Feb. 20.....	.....	5	
Sagua la Grande.....	Dec. 19-Dec. 26.....	50	5	
	Dec. 26-Jan. 9.....	65	6	
	Jan. 9-Jan. 23.....	38	5	
	Jan. 23-Jan. 30.....	7	1	
	Jan. 31-Feb. 27.....	18	7	
	Feb. 27-Mar. 6.....	11	3	
Ecuador:				
Guayaquil.....	Dec. 18-Dec. 25.....	.....	9	
Haiti:				
Port au Prince.....	Dec. 14.....	.....	.....	Yellow fever epidemic.
Guadeloupe:				
Basse Terre.....	Jan. 5.....	1	.....

* For table of cholera and yellow fever, as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service December 26, 1895-December 29, 1896, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS, Vol. XII, No. 1.

Cholera, yellow fever, plague, etc.—Continued.

PLAGUE.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
India:				
Bombay.....	Dec. 1-Dec. 22.....		558	This is the number of deaths officially reported. The United States consul estimates the number of deaths for the same period at 2,648.
	Dec. 22-Jan. 5.....		738	Estimated deaths for this same period, 3,238.
	Jan. 5-Jan. 12.....		335	Estimated deaths for this same period, 1,388.
	Jan. 12-Jan. 19.....		470	
	Jan. 19-Jan. 26.....		446	Estimated deaths for this same period, 1,462.
	Jan. 26-Feb. 9.....		1,261	Estimated deaths for this same period, 3,023.
Karachi.....	Jan. 11.....			Plague epidemic; 220 cases, 214 deaths to date.
China:				
Hongkong.....	Dec. 13-Dec. 29.....			A few cases.
Japan:				
Formosa.....	Nov. 6-Nov. 30.....	53	37	
	Dec. 4-Dec. 29.....		15	

Current quarantine measures.

[Translated in this Bureau from the "Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes," Berlin, February 14, 1897.]

FRANCE.—By decree of the President of the Republic, February 9, the decree of January 19 and 27 is amended to prohibit the importation and transportation of goods from Bombay, Karachi, or other infected ports, arriving at Mediterranean seaports. Importation of goods not mentioned in the decree of January 19, arriving by way of the Atlantic Ocean, is allowed only after disinfection. Passengers arriving from plague-infected localities are allowed to land only at Panillac, St. Nazaire, Havre, and Dunkirk, and then only after they have remained under observation for eight days in the first two ports named and for four days in the last named, and after their baggage and effects have been disinfected.

BELGIUM.—According to advices of February 11, the health commission for the Scheld has ordered the following measures to be put in force at the station of Doel for all vessels arriving from infected ports:

1. Thorough disinfection of the ship.
2. Emptying of bilge water and renewing of drinking water supply.
3. Verification of the passenger list and the inventory of the cargo; also, oversight of all persons on board.

If it shall be ascertained that, of the passengers shipped at the port of departure, none are remaining on board, the certificate must show that the said passengers were not landed on account of contagious or epidemic disease.

Declaration to the health officials must state that no suspicious or forbidden goods are on board.

In order that these measures may be carried out the vessel shall be detained a sufficient length of time at the station.

Vessels may be exempted from detention if they can show that they carry no suspicious or infected goods, and if a statement to this effect